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Applicant : Gerhard HAMPRECHT et al

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mailstop: After Final Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2009, please consider the following remarks. Accordingly, with a request for a one-month extension of time, this amendment is being timely filed on or before January 25, 2010 (January 24th is a Sunday). The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.